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SUBJ: IRVING BROWN VISITS PORTUGAL

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SUMMARY: VISIT OF IRVING BROWN TO SOCIALIST PARTY CONGRESS
WAS MAJOR PLUS IN STRENGTHENING RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND
DEMOCRATIC LABOR IN PORTUGAL. END SUMMARY.

1. AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE IRVING BROWN VISITED
PORTUGAL OCT 30-NOV 1 AS INVITED GUEST TO SOCIALIST PARTY
CONGRESS. BROWN HELD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR LABOR MALDONADO OCT 31 DURING WHICH HE
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MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF AFL-CIO ASSISTANCE FOR LABOR

LEADER TRAINING INSTITUTE. BROWN SUGGESTED SOCIALISTS
CONSIDER JOINT PROJECT WITH PSD.

2. MALDONADO INDICATED GREAT INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF
ASSISTANCE FOR LABOR TRAINING. HE STATED HE WOULD DISCUSS
MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER MARIO SOARES WITHIN A WEEK AND,
IF POLITICAL GO AHEAD OBTAINED, WOULD BEGIN TO DEVELOP
JOINT PROJECT WITH PSD. MALDONADO COMMENTED HE IS CLOSE
PERSONAL FRIEND OF PSD LABOR ADVISOR MARIO PINTO AND LONG-
TIME CO-WORKER WITH PSD VICE PRESIDENT RUI MACHETE. MALDONADO
SAW NO PROBLEMS IN DEVELOPING JOINT PROJECT BUT BELIEVE IT
ESSENTIAL TO PROCEED ON STEP-BY-STEP BASIS TO AVOID COMPLI-
CATIONS. MALDONADO BELIEVED THAT MADUREIRA'S CENTER
FOR LABOR STUDIES (CES) COULD FORM A USEFUL PART OF A
PROJECTED LABOR TRAINING INSTITUTE BUT THAT IT IS OVERLY
THEORETICAL IN APPROACH. HE SAID HE WOULD EXPLORE SUBJECT
FULLY WITH MADUREIRA.

3. BROWN INDICATED FLEXIBILITY REGARDING MULTINATIONAL
PARTICIPATION IN LABOR TRAINING INSTITUTE. HE ALSO SUGGESTED
THAT A RESPECTED PORTUGUESE LABOR JOURNALIST VISIT THE U.S.
IN NEAR FUTURE TO DO A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON U.S. LABOR
MOVEMENT.

4. BROWN ALSO MET WITH RUI MACHETE AND MARIO PINTO OF
PSD FOR CONVERSATIONS BUT DID NOT DISCUSS POSSIBILITY
OF SUPPORT FOR LABOR TRAINING INSTITUTE.

5. COMMENT: BROWN'S VISIT WAS MOST USEFUL AND FOUND A READY
RESPONSE AMONG BOTH PS AND PSD LABOR OFFICIALS. LABATT
WILL FOLLOW UP CONVERSATIONS. BOTH SOCIALIST AND PSD
PARTIES RECOGNIZED, DURING THEIR NATIONAL CONGRESSES
OCT 30-NOV 1, THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL EFFORTS IN LABOR
SECTOR. IT IS OF INTEREST THAT MALDONADO DID NOT INDICATE
HE WOULD NEED TO CLEAR PROJECT THROUGH LABOR
MINISTER MARCELO CURTO. THIS IS PROBABLY AN ACCURATE
REFLECTION OF CURTO'S DECLINING INFLUENCE IN PS LABOR
AFFAIRS AND WITHIN THE MINISTRY.

6. ALTHOUGH AFL-CIO HAS RECENTLY BECOME RENEWED TARGET
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FOR COMMUNIST AND EXTREME LEFT PRESS ATTACKS FOR ALLEGED
LINKS WITH CIA AND SUPPOSED INTERVENTION IN PORTUGAL, BROWN'S
VISIT HAS NOT YET DRAWN PRESS COMMENT. BROWN WAS INTRODUCED
TO PS CONGRESS, ALONG WITH NUMEROUS OTHER FOREIGN INVITEES,
AND WAS CORDIALLY GREETED BY MARIO SOARES AND OTHER PS
MINISTERS. VISIT CONSTITUTED A MAJOR PLUS FACTOR IN
STRENGTHENING CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. AND DEMOCRATIC LABOR
IN PORTUGAL.

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